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MPLADS FUNDS .
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government regularly updates the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) fund utilisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof including criteria adopted for the same;

(c) whether it is ascertained by the Department concerned that the actual asset creation has taken place depends on the report of the District Collector;

(d) if so, whether the advance amount transferred to any agency in anticipation of the completion of work also is treated as "funds utilised"; and

(e) if so, the advance amount disbursed to various agencies during the last three years, State and MP-wise, details including the percentage of work completed with the utilisation of that advance amount up to 31 August, 2012?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b) Under the MPLAD Scheme, the works recommended by MPs are implemented by the District Authorities and the details of utilisation are available with them. The Ministry updates the data on utilization based on the information forwarded by the District Authorities, through the Monthly Progress Reports (MPRs).

(c) The details of the assets created are not maintained at the Ministry level and are available with the District Authorities. The cumulative number of works recommended by the MPs, sanctioned and completed are received through MPRs. As per the guidelines, the District Authorities are responsible for implementation, overall coordination and supervision of works and shall inspect atleast 10% of the works under implementation every year and to the extent feasible also involve the MPs for the inspection of works. The implementing agencies are also to furnish physical and financial status of each work to the District Authority every month. The State Nodal Department is also expected to inspect minimum 1% of MPLADS works in a District every year. In addition, the Ministry has also instituted 'Third Party Physical Monitoring' of MPLADS works in selected districts through an independent agency to assess the implementation of the scheme at the ground level.

(d) Advance amount released for implementing agencies can not be treated as 'fund utilised'. The actual expenditure incurred, either on ongoing work or completed work is the utilized amount.

(e) The details of advance released by the District Authorities to the implementing agencies are not maintained at the Ministry level.